

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) will host Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) at Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School in Salinas, one of the first California schools to see funds for the national Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

"Jesse G. Sanchez is a terrific model for schools through California and the country," Rep. Farr said. "Children learn about the food pyramid, but for years schools have failed to provide enough fresh fruits and vegetables. Last year's Farm Bill, which provides \$1.2 billion to expand the fruit and vegetable snack program nationwide, is the first significant sign that priorities are changing."

Rep. Farr and Sen. Stabenow will visit with students during snack time and view a demonstration of the cafeteria salad bar. Rep. Farr will also speak about the Children's Fruit and Vegetable Act, which he plans to introduce in the House of Representatives soon.

"I'll be introducing legislation in the coming weeks that moves us even further in the right direction," Rep. Farr said. "The Children's Fruit and Vegetable Act is designed to improve the nutritional quality of school meals by increasing fresh fruits and vegetables in lunch and breakfast programs. It will also promote farm-to-cafeteria programs and encourage the installation of salad bars in schools. This is an important initiative for Central Coast farmers and an essential bill for the health of our children."

**WHO:** Rep. Sam Farr  
Sen. Debbie Stabenow  
Phyllis Bramson-Paul, Assistant Superintendent, California Department of Education  
Dr. Lorelei DiSogra, Vice President, Nutrition, United Fresh Produce Association

**WHAT:** School Visit to Promote Child Nutrition Programs

**WHERE:** Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary School  
901 N. Sanborn Rd., Salinas

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9:45 a.m.

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